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Regarding: USSN 10/777,771
Thrope et al.
Attorney Docket No. 9469.18533

Comments: Please see the attached "Applicant Initiated Interview Request"

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Applicant: Thrope et al.

Attorney Docket No. 9469.18533

Serial No.: 10/777,771

Examiner: Johnson, Shevon Elizabeth

Filed: 12 February 2004

Group Art Unit: 3766

Title: Portable Percutaneous Assemblies, Systems, and Methods for Providing Highly Selective Functional or Therapeutic Neuromuscular Stimulation

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUESTCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests an interview with the Examiner in this application as follows:

Status of Application:

On May 15, 2006, applicant filed Amendment A in response to the first, non-final Office Action mailed November 15, 2005. Claims 7 to 10, 13 to 16, 18 to 26, and 30 to 33 remain in the application. Claims 22 to 24 have been allowed. Claims 7 to 10, 13 to 16, and 18 to 21 have been placed into independent form, as suggested by the Examiner. New claims 31 to 33 have been submitted.

Tentative Participants:

- (1) Daniel D. Ryan, Reg. No. 29243 (an Attorney of Record)
- (2) Thomas J. Krumenacher, Reg. No. 56,736 (an Attorney of Record)
- (3) Robert B. Strother (a named Joint Inventor)

Proposed Date of Interview:

Wednesday July 12, 2006 or Thursday July 13, 2006

Proposed Time:

9:30 AM, or another time convenient to the Examiner preferably prior to 12 Noon.

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Type of Interview:

Personal

Exhibit to be Shown or Demonstrated:

Prototype of NeuroPill™ Device and System as Defined in the Pending Claims.
Powerpoint® presentation demonstrating the underlying clinical needs and the solution defined in the claims.

Issues to be Discussed:

Applicant seeks to discuss new independent claim 31 and its dependent claims 32 and 33. New independent claim 31 is patterned after allowed independent claim 22, with the recitation that the carrier is sized and configured "to be worn by an individual" instead of the recitation in claim 22 "on an external skin surface at or near a targeted neural or muscular region." Applicant has also submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and will be prepared to discuss the distinctions between the documents in the Supplemental Statement and the subject matter defined in the claims.

Brief Description of the Arguments to be Presented:

Issues	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
New independent claim 31 and its dependent claims 32 and 33 are patentable in view of the prior art of record.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

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Examiner/SPE Signature

Respectfully Submitted,

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